

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: June 12, 2012
PROJECT: Middle Fork American River Project
FERC Project No. 2079
APPLICANT: Placer County Water Agency
CONTACT: Andy Fecko
COUNTY: Placer and El Dorado Counties
PUBLIC NOTICE: October 11, 2012
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is seeking to relicense its Middle Fork American River Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) Project No. 2079. The Project serves as a multipurpose water supply and hydrogeneration project designed to conserve and control waters of the Middle Fork American River, the Rubicon River, and several associated tributary streams. The Project is located within the Middle Fork American River Watershed (Watershed) at elevations ranging from approximately 1,100 feet to 5,300 feet. Water for hydroelectric generation and consumptive use is diverted and stored under permits and licenses issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The Project consists of five powerhouses with a combined nameplate generating capacity of approximately 223.7 MW.

PCWA is the lead agency and the State Water Board is a responsible agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On February 23, 2011, PCWA submitted its Final License Application for a new major license to operate and maintain the project with the Commission.